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We have received from the Soviet Ambassador here

a confidential indication that the Soviet Government is quite dis-
turbed at the list of weapons we consider offensive in accord-

ance with the exchange of letters between President Kennedy
and Mr. Khrushchev which you furnished to Kuznetsov. (Yankee
1606, November 2)

The Ambassador gave no clear indication of what
particular items the Soviets find objectionable.

You should promptly endeavor ascertain from
Kuznetsov what particular items are of concern. We would be
prepared to apply a narrow definition to "mechanical and electronic
equipment" in para five refal. You might explain that what was
intended was that electronic and other equipment for missiles,
for example, should not be available so that all that was lacking
were the missiles themselves to re-establish offensive missile
bases. Soviets are probably particularly concerned at the
inclusion of "communications equipment" and we would be pre-
pared to drop this and return to the language of the proclamation.

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We might also be prepared to drop reference to the Komar-class motor torpedo boats but you should refer back before any final agreement on this. Perhaps compromise on the latter item might be to leave Komars already there if additional vessels of this type not furnished.

You could explain that at the time agreement was reached by the President's letter of October twenty-seventh and Khrushchev's reply of October twenty-eight, the list of what we considered offensive weapons had already been made public by President's proclamation and by the President's press conference of September thirteenth, as well as President's address on October twenty-second.

If you consider useful you could also state that we have not included any items on the list with a view to obtaining access to Soviet technology. The one item on which we must be absolutely clear is that the IL-28's must be eliminated and for the present ~~at least~~ ^{that} submarines would be considered offensive. ^{2. That if it is determined that the} The general limitation so far as the rest of the list is concerned is imposed by the fact that the list in the proclamation has been made public. Within this limitation we would be prepared to remove any legitimate Soviet difficulties.